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1. [REDACTED] December 1950, two biplanes and 23 jet fighters were seen at the Dessau (E 52/E 06) airfield from its northern and southern edges. The jet fighters had swept-back wings and were completely covered with tarpaulins. * The oval exhaust aperture was covered with red sheet metal. All jet fighters seemingly were of the same type and size. There was no flying between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. because of considerably hazy weather and occasional snow.
2. A truck covered with a tarpaulin and, at its side, an antenna mast about 10 to 12 meters high braced on all sides, were about 200 meters from the northeastern corner of the field. A radio truck with three antennae on the roof was on the southern section of the field, beside the railroad line. One antenna was fitted at the front section of the roof behind the driver's cab, and the other two at the rear corners of the box-like superstructure. The truck was covered with tarpaulins. No radar set was seen. There was no AA gun emplacement at the field or in the vicinity. **
3. The E-W runway was extended westward in 1949. All hangars were destroyed. One hangar in the eastern section of the field was repaired in a makeshift way and was probably being used as a workshop. A temporary building with a tower about two meters high stood in an N-S direction on the southern edge of the field. At the side of the building were two frames about 1.5 to 2 meters high and 3 meters apart. Each frame had a box 40 x 40 x 60 cm, the use of which is unknown. ***
4. The buildings of the former Otto-Mader-Plant were used as quarters. Local residents said that there was almost no flying activity during the two preceding weeks.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The number of aircraft agrees with observations made by [REDACTED] One fighter regiment, equipped with Mig-15 jet aircraft and some trainers, is still believed to be stationed in Dessau.

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*** F Comment. The temporary building probably houses the flight control station. The two boxes possibly contain meteorological measuring instruments.

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